

CLINTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 11, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: 2267 N 1500 W, Clinton, UT 84015

Mayor: Marie Dougherty



City Council: Spencer Arave, Jennifer Christensen, Chris Danson, Adam Larsen and Dane Searle.

Staff: City Manager Trevor Cahoon, Assistant Police Chief Matt Fawbush, Fire Chief Jason Poulsen, Public Works Director David Williams, Assistant Public Works Director Cory Waters, Parks and Recreation Director Brooke Mitchell, Finance Director Cory Christensen, Sr Planner Keaton Jones, Treasurer Steve Hubbard, Deputy Recorder Amy Durrans, and Recorder Lisa Titensor

Attendees: Dereck Bauer, Kirby Crowley, Des Walters

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dougherty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was performed by all those in attendance.
Councilmember Adam Larsen offered the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Dougherty, Councilmembers Arave, Christensen, Danson, Larsen and Searle were all present.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW CLINTON CITY ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Public Works Director David Williams introduced his new Public Works Assistant Director Cory Waters.

Cory Waters stated he is grateful for this opportunity. He feels his prior experience is a good fit for Clinton City.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public comment.

BUSINESS ITEMS

DUMPSTER PROGRAM REVIEW

Mayor Dougherty explained that residents have continued to contact her about reinstating the dumpster program and that she asked Public Works to review the current services and alternatives with the Council.

Public Works Director David Williams reviewed the City's residential dumpster program, which began in 2003 and was discontinued in 2024 due to increasing operational costs, staffing demands, aging equipment and demand that exceeded available resources. The

former program operated seasonally from March through November with four dumpsters delivered twice each week. In 2024, the City spent nearly \$60,000 on waste disposal assistance programs, not including manpower. Mr. Williams explained that the City continues to provide tree limb collection, seasonal cleanup events and landfill vouchers. Landfill vouchers cost the City \$10 each; 350 were distributed in 2025 and 374 had already been distributed in 2026. Current waste disposal services cost approximately \$25,000 last year, not including manpower.

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Councilmember Danson asked about the cleanup events and the availability of alternatives to the former dumpster program.

Mr. Williams reviewed the spring and fall Saturday cleanup events, along with additional June and August cleanup opportunities, and noted that residential tree limbs are accepted at the Public Works facility on Mondays and Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Councilmember Danson asked about the landfill voucher program.

City Manager Cahoon clarified that two landfill vouchers are allowed per household. Staff noted that each voucher costs the City \$10 and covers a small-load landfill fee.

Councilmember Larsen expressed concern for senior residents and others who may not have a truck or trailer to transport bulky waste. He suggested the community may be able to help residents with transportation.

Councilmember Christensen suggested exploring whether Davis County senior programs or another community partnership could assist senior residents with hauling needs.

Councilmember Danson stated he felt discontinuing the dumpster delivery program was the right decision but would like to see more communication to residents regarding the cleanup events, landfill vouchers and other available options.

Councilmember Searle stated that he had utilized the former dumpster program but felt the City's current approach was working well. He supported increasing public awareness of the cleanup events and landfill voucher program.

THE 5TH 5TH LOCAL SALES TAX DISCUSSION

Mayor Dougherty explained that the Davis County Commission held a work session regarding the potential 0.20% local option transportation sales tax known as the "5th 5th" and requested feedback from city councils. Information provided by the Wasatch Front Regional Council estimated approximately \$207,075 annually would be distributed to Clinton City for transportation. The Council discussed the proposed distribution of the tax, the County's discretion over significant portions of the revenue, and whether Clinton and

other west-side communities would receive benefits proportionate to the additional tax paid by their residents.

Councilmember Searle stated that, if Clinton residents and those shopping in the City would bear a substantial additional tax burden, he would prefer that the City retain greater control over the revenue rather than receive only a small portion of a county-imposed tax. He said he wanted the Council to stand up for Clinton residents and try to avoid additional taxes, particularly taxes over which the City would have little control.

Councilmember Larsen said he was leaning toward not supporting the proposal in solidarity with Syracuse and other west-side communities because the benefits appeared to favor communities along the I-15/transit corridor. He felt taking a position could demonstrate to Clinton residents that the Council was representing their interests. He also questioned whether the City's share of a countywide sales tax would provide enough benefit compared with revenue options the City could control directly.

Councilmember Christensen said she wanted more specific information regarding the County Commission's discretionary use of the revenue. She acknowledged that improvements to FrontRunner could benefit Clinton because of its proximity to the Clearfield station but expressed concern about supporting the proposal without clearer information regarding how approximately \$8 million per year subject to County discretion could be spent. She suggested that the City's feedback should emphasize the need for additional information.

Councilmember Arave expressed reluctance to affirmatively support a tax increase that would ultimately be decided by the County Commission. He noted that the City would benefit from the additional transportation revenue if the tax were imposed but preferred that the County make its own decision rather than have Clinton advocate for the increase.

Councilmember Danson likewise questioned whether the City Council should be the body endorsing the County's tax decision and expressed concern that residents themselves should have input. He also wanted clearer assurances regarding UTA expansion and transit benefits for west-side communities.

Councilmember Danson moved that the City remain neutral on the proposed tax while communicating concerns regarding the County's discretionary use of the funds and the need for additional UTA service and transit benefits on the west side. The motion died for lack of a second.

Councilmember Larsen then moved to communicate to Davis County that Clinton City was not in support of the proposed tax increase because questions remained regarding the allocation of the funds. Councilmember Christensen seconded the motion.

Councilmember Larsen explained that he preferred stating specifically what the Council could not support rather than describing the City as neutral. Councilmember Searle stated that the approach was a good compromise.

Councilmember Larsen amended the motion to specify that the City's non-support and concerns would be communicated to Davis County by letter because of the lack of details and specificity. Councilmember Christensen agreed to the amendment.

Before the vote, Mayor Dougherty clarified the question before the Council: whether to send a letter to Davis County explaining that Clinton City was unable to offer its support because the Council remained unclear about the County's discretion in allocating and expending significant portions of the revenue, the extent to which west-side communities would have access to transit benefits, and whether the funding returned to cities would adequately compensate for the amount residents would pay toward the tax. The Mayor asked whether the Council wished to send a letter stating those concerns.

A voice vote was taken. All Councilmembers voted in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Resolution 22-26, Cooperative Agreement with UDOT for SR-108; SR-37 to 4275 South
2. Approval of Minutes: July 28, 2026, City Council Work Session and City Council Meeting
3. Approval of Accounts Payable: July 2026

In regard to Resolution 22-26, Mr. Cahoon explained that UDOT is replacing storm drainpipes along SR-108 and constructing a detention pond at approximately 2657 North 2000 West. UDOT will own and maintain the pond and its drainage facilities while reserving capacity for Clinton City stormwater. The agreement identifies the parties' responsibilities and the amounts and locations of stormwater entering the system. The staff report identified no fiscal impact.

MOTION: Councilmember Searle moved to approve the consent items. Councilmember Arave seconded the motion. Voting by roll call is as follows: Councilmember Arave, yes; Councilmember Christensen, yes, Councilmember Danson, yes; Councilmember Larsen, yes; Councilmember Searle, yes.

OTHER BUSINESS

CITY MANAGER/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Public Works Director David Williams reported on the recycling cart rollout. Approximately 7,000 carts had been distributed and, as of the morning of the meeting, 811 residents had requested cart removal. Staff recommended September 25 as the opt-out deadline to avoid the recycling charge appearing on the October utility bill. The Council also discussed resident feedback and the existing \$25 pickup and cleaning fee for unwanted black garbage cans.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Trevor Cahoon reported that upcoming training opportunities through the Utah Chapter of the American Planning Association and the Utah League of Cities and Towns would be held in September and October and stated he would provide the dates. He also updated the Council regarding UDOT design and approval issues affecting the pedestrian bridge project. Staff will continue discussions with UDOT and may administer the bridge portion of the project directly using secured grant funding if necessary.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Christensen – Nothing to report.

Councilmember Larsen – Nothing to report.

Councilmember Arave reported that the next RAP Tax meeting would be held August 19 and would include further discussion of park-related ideas.

Councilmember Searle – Nothing to report.

Councilmember Danson reminded the Council that Youth Council applications were due August 14 and reported on the Communities That Care “Nourish the Service” project benefiting enlisted service members and their families.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Dougherty noted that August 17, 2026, marks the 90th anniversary of Clinton’s formal incorporation as a town on August 17, 1936, and stated that the anniversary would be recognized on social media.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Dated this 25 day of August 2026
/s/Lisa Titensor, Clinton City Recorder